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SUBJECT: 34TH SESSION OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) --
PANAMA'S ASSESSMENT

REF: A. STATE 070504 B. STATE 072085

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET MARCH 30 WITH PEDRO BRIN, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO DISCUSS SUBJECT SESSION. BRIN HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE UNHRC MEETING WITH THE GOP DELEGATE TO THE COMMISSION, DIDIMO RIOS. THE PANAMANIAN APPEAR TO CONCUR IN THE U.S. ASSESSMENT, THAT THE SESSION WAS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL AND HAD POSITIVE RESULTS. BRIN WAS INTERESTED IN THE INDIAN INITIATIVE (REF A, PARA. 11) ADVOCATING THE CREATION BY ALL UN MEMBERS OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS. HE REMARKED THAT THERE IS SOME INTEREST IN PANAMA IN ESTABLISHING SUCH A COMMISSION, ALTHOUGH NOTHING CONCRETE IS IN THE WORKS AND HE EXPECTS NO MOVEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. AS SUGGESTED REF B, THE QUESTION OF A "NON-ALIGNED THRUST ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES" WAS RAISED, BUT BRIN HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT TO OFFER.

3. THE QUESTION OF PANAMA'S RATIFICATION OF THE SAN JOSE CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS ALSO RAISED. PANAMA'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS APPROVED RATIFICATION, BUT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION HAVE NOT YET BEEN DEPOSITED. BRIN CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW WHEN RATIFICATION WILL BE

ACCOMPLISHED, BUT FACETIOUSLY HINTED THAT PANAMA
WILL RATIFY THE CONVENTION AS SOON AS THE U.S. DOES SO.

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